

## Sing-a-long

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, sings along with the USAFE band *Touch 'n' Go* during a concert here Saturday. General Foglesong visited deployed troops and taped a commercial that is scheduled to be aired on American Forces Network, Europe.



Photo by SrA. Lynne Neveu

# Local officer garners command-level award

By Capt. Kelley Thibodeau  
379th AEW Public Affairs

A permanent party member here recently learned she earned a major command-level award for work completed at her previous base.

Captain Jeannette Mismas, chief of PERSCO for the 379th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, was named 2003 Military Equal Opportunity Company Grade Officer of the Year for Air Force Material Command.

Captain Mismas earned the award as the chief of military equal opportunity for the 78th Air Base Wing at Robins AFB, Ga.

"I'm completely surprised," said Capt. Mismas. "This is great recognition and right at the beginning of a one-year remote tour!"

"When I learned of Captain Mismas' selection as AFMC's best MEO company [grade officer], I wasn't surprised at all," said Col. Neil Rader, 379th EMSG commander. "[Captain Misma's] knowledge, drive and professionalism sets her apart from her peers. In short order, she's had a tremendous impact on our personnel support programs."

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### Vehicle accidents

In the event of a vehicle accident, the vehicle should not be moved until Qatari police and security forces conduct their investigation. To report a vehicle accident or other non-emergency incident on base, call central security control at 437-2633.

### Testing hours added

The education office has additional testing hours today at 3:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

### Desert Depot closure

The Desert Depot Individual Equipment section is closed Saturday and Sunday for inventory. Emergency mission-essential requirements will be supported on a case-by-case basis.

### Promotion ceremony

An installation promotion ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. Jan. 30 at the base theater.

### ARC briefing

Air Reserve Component briefings are scheduled for 7:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. Feb. 5 at the base theater.

## President says America 'rising to tasks of history'

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** -- The United States has not come through tragedy, trial and war to falter. Americans are proving the state of the union is strong, and they "are rising to the tasks of history," President George W. Bush said in the State of the Union address Tuesday night.

President Bush, speaking to both bodies of Congress at the U.S. Capitol, said the government's greatest responsibility is the active defense of the American people. He said that in the 28 months since the attacks of Sept. 11, there are many who believe the danger is passed.

"That hope is understandable, comforting -- and false," he said. "The killing has continued in Bali, Jakarta, Casablanca, Riyadh, Mombassa, Jerusalem, Istanbul and Baghdad. The terrorists continue to plot against America and the civilized world. And by our will and courage, this danger will be defeated."

Hundreds of thousands of American servicemen and women are deployed across the world in the war on terror, the president noted, and their ef-

"By our actions, we have shown what kind of nation we are," he said. "In grief, we found the grace to go on. In challenge, we rediscovered the courage and daring of a free people. In victory, we have shown the noble aims and good heart of America. And having come this far, we sense that we live in a time set apart."



White House photo by Eric Draper

President George W. Bush

forts make America more secure. Law enforcement and intelligence officials are examining threats and "their vigilance is protecting America."

President Bush said America faces a choice: "We can go forward with confidence and resolve, or we can turn back to the dangerous illusion that terrorists are not plotting and outlaw regimes are no threat to us."

He said the American military is leading the fight on terror. Servicemembers have now captured or killed two-thirds of the known al Qaeda leaders.

"Thousands of very skilled and determined

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Capt. Mismas led the 78th ABW wing staff agency, which was only 33 percent manned. She also managed human resources education and equal opportunity training programs for 39,000 warfighters in 180 units.

Her office complied 100 percent in Unit Compliance Inspection items. Captain Mismas also spearheaded a base transition to on-line unit climate assessments.

"[Her] proactive leadership resolved issues before they be-

came complaints," said Col. Smoot, 78th ABW commander, in the nomination package. "[She] worked hand in hand with commanders and first shirts and resolved 13 potential formal complaints at the lowest level by proactive coordination."

Captain Mismas was also the only military member to represent the Air Force in a "train the trainer" base-wide diversity program. As part of the diversity team, she developed a diversity awareness curriculum, syllabus and les-

son plan for more than 16,000 people.

Finally, she consolidated data and trend analysis, resolving potential equal opportunity and union grievances.

"[Captain Mismas] walks the walk of a true ME professional," said Col. Smoot.

Captain Mismas is competing against winners from other major commands for the title of 2003 Military Equal Opportunity Company Grade Officer of the Year for the Air Force.

## EAGLE'S PERSPECTIVE

**Editorial by Lt. Col. Mark Cobin**  
379th Expeditionary Operations  
Group deputy commander

Another year has passed, and the new year is usually a time to reflect on events of the past year and make plans. Significant events that have occurred throughout the year will help shape our actions and path for the new year. Of course, the most significant event in 2003 was Operation Iraqi Freedom, and it will shape 2004 for this wing and the military.

The infrastructure and force employment changes that have occurred in this theater

since then have been fast-paced and far-reaching. These changes include the method in which we provide friggin' force in support of our national objectives.

Reflecting upon my 21 years in the Air Force, I've witnessed the adaptation of Air Force airpower through several significant events. As a second lieutenant in 1983, I found myself sitting on Strategic Air Command alert as part of our massive nuclear force.

During the late 1950s and early 1960s, with the Air Force still in its infancy, there were

airpower pioneers who wrestled with issues of how best to

employ our forces.

By 1983, SAC had several decades to develop and fine tune force employment doctrine. It was doctrine that was studied and refined, and everyone knew exactly what the mission was.

But, from 1990 to 1991,

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military personnel are on a manhunt, going after the remaining killers who hide in cities and caves," the president said. "And, one by one, we will bring the terrorists to justice."

The United States is also determined to take action against regimes that harbor terrorists or could supply terror groups with weapons of mass destruction, he said. "The first to see our determination were the Taliban, who made Afghanistan the primary training base of al Qaeda killers."

Afghanistan has now agreed to a new constitution, guaranteeing free elections and full participation by women, and with help from the new Afghan National Army, the U.S.-led coalition is operating against surviving members of the Taliban and al Qaeda.

"The men and women of Afghanistan are building a nation that is free and proud and fighting terror – and America is honored to be their friend," President Bush said.

In Iraq, there is a similar litany of success. The regime of Saddam Hussein is overthrown and U.S. soldiers captured him hiding in a hole in the ground.

The president said that building a new Iraq will

be hard, but it is worth the effort. In June, the coalition will transition to full Iraqi sovereignty. He vowed that the United States will stand by Iraq as it makes the transition to democracy.

There have been other positive consequences of America's resolve to win the war on terror, President Bush pointed out. In December, Libyan leader Moammar Qadhafi voluntarily pledged to disclose and dismantle all of his regime's weapons of mass destruction programs, including a uranium-enrichment project for nuclear weapons.

"Nine months of intense negotiations involving the United States and Great Britain succeeded with Libya, while 12 years of diplomacy with Iraq did not," he said. "And one reason is clear: For diplomacy to be effective, words must be credible – and no one can now doubt the word of America."

But different threats require different strategies. The United States is working with nations of the region to get North Korea to dismantle its nuclear program and stop proliferating missile technology. The

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international community is demanding Iran meet its commitments and not develop nuclear weapons.

“America is committed to keeping the world’s most dangerous weapons out of the hands of the world’s most dangerous regimes,” the president said.

He said that many in America did not agree with the war to rid Iraq of Saddam Hussein. But what has been revealed since coalition forces took Baghdad is it was the right thing to do, he emphasized.

The first report of the Iraqi Survey Group, chaired by David Kay, identified dozens of weapons of mass destruction-related program activities

and significant amounts of equipment that Iraq concealed from the United Nations.

“Had we failed to act, the dictator’s weapons of mass destruction programs would continue to this day,” President Bush said.

He said the nation has gone through much in the last three years.

“By our actions, we have shown what kind of nation we are,” he said. “In grief, we found the grace to go on. In challenge, we rediscovered the courage and daring of a free people. In victory, we have shown the noble aims and good heart of America. And having come this far, we sense that we live in a time set apart.”

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significant events occurred that changed our Air Force forever. The end of the Cold War meant massive nuclear forces would not be required to defeat the threat. All branches of the military were faced with the task to define a new mission.

Airpower employment was redefined out of necessity Jan. 17, 1991, during Desert Storm. The ensuing air war decimated Iraq’s military infrastructure, severed communication and supply lines, smashed weapons arsenals and destroyed morale. Overall, the coalition air campaign accumulated a total of 109,876 sorties over the 43-day war – an average of 2,555 sorties per day.

Post-Desert Storm introduced a new era with the implementation of Northern Watch and

Southern Watch. It was during this period that we began to develop and implement the air expeditionary force. Again, we redefined our friggin’ force.

However, the events of Sept. 11, 2001, brought us to a new era and a new mission. Since the end of major hostilities after Iraqi Freedom, our force employment concepts have changed even more.

Not unlike the early pioneers of the Cold War, as we execute the Global War on Terrorism, the events of this year will help build the foundation for how we employ friggin’ force in the future. It is our task to ensure we have laid a solid foundation for those who follow.

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# The Desert: A place to grow

**Editorial by Maj. Dave Jacey**  
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Squadron deputy commander

Before I arrived here, my wife and I prayed our year apart would be a time of personal growth for both of us. However, there was no illusion that this would be an easy passage; nothing of value ever seems to come easily.

I'm sure all of us understood there were long hours, hard work, some loneliness and, perhaps, danger ahead when we deployed. Nonetheless, what a terrible waste it would be to look back on time spent here as an experience merely survived.

Take comfort from the words of the one who perfectly completed the ultimate 33-year-long remote tour. Jesus told us in John 16:33, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Does it seem like the world

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**That's the friggin' point."**

*Maj. Dave Jacey*

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is overcoming you? Does the time away from home (over Christmas), desert living conditions and relentless pace of work have you wondering, "What's the friggin' point?"

Many of you may be veterans of deployments to Kuwait, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo or other places in support of efforts to free or end the suffering of a foreign people. Now, consider this: Since Sep. 11, 2001, the military has deployed in support of the American people, and the American people know it. Our friends and family want us home, but they are counting on us to first do the work we are called

to do. That's the friggin' point.

Although knowing it doesn't make it easier when you're still thousands of miles from home, take comfort in the words of someone who spent his adult life forward deployed.

Where do you get your strength? The gym can help make your body strong, and time at the Wagon Wheel can strengthen friendships, but I think only faith can sustain lasting growth in the deserts of life. Isaiah 33:15 says that when the "Spirit is poured upon us from on high, the desert becomes a fertile field."

It is no mistake that you are here, and regardless of your job here, you are an important part of a noble effort to protect our homeland and positively change the lives of men, women and children in Iraq and Afghanistan. May we all grow a little wiser and stronger in spirit with that understanding.

## Base hospital patient shares thanks

Dear Major Langfeld,

I recently was admitted to the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group hospital. I spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in the hospital. On Christmas Eve, MSgt. Edgar Cluchey, 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, paid a visit to the Big Apple dining facility to get me a couple beverages and some fruit. Master Sergeant Cluchey stated he had a troop in the hospital, and MSgt. Tim Lind and crew sprang into action. Master Sergeant Cluchey returned to my bedside a short time later. He not only returned with a beverage and some fruit but an entire meal especially prepared for me. The

main part of this meal was a large container of chicken noodle soup. He also delivered a handwritten note from the wonderful services people who prepared this great meal. Needless to say, I was pleasantly surprised and grateful for their thoughtful act of kindness.

Sir, I would like to tell you how much I appreciate the fine men and women who work at the services squadron. Their services definitely made my holiday a little brighter.

Sincerely,

JAMES G. JOHNS, MSgt, USAF  
379th EAMXS

# BEE ensures base is safe place to live, work

By MSgt. Jim Randall  
379th AEW Public Affairs

Armed with a variety of specialized equipment, the BEE buzzes in and out of *The Hive* to visit work centers on base, going unnoticed by most people.

They're the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Element, or BEE.

"We call our office *The Hive* and use a bee as our logo because the acronym for our

office is B-E-E, and we're always busy," said Capt. Joseph Vinch, chief of bioenvironmental engineering.

"We don't just have one job," said Capt. Vinch. "We are involved in testing and evaluating conditions all over base to help protect our troops."

Duties for the three-person element include evaluating the base for radiation, hazardous noise, chemical usage, hazardous waste, proper ventilation,

drinking water quality and conditions that could contribute to heat stress.

They use a variety of equipment to perform tests and analyze materials, including Geiger counters, noise dosimeters, air sampling pumps and a \$200,000 portable gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer that is used to detect contaminants and determine the

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## Warfighter of the Week



Photo Illustration by SrA. Lynne Neveu

**TSgt. Larmont Green**

**Unit assigned here:** 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

**Job title:** NCOIC redeployments and receptions

**How do you contribute to the mission of the 379th AEW?** I am responsible for the coordination of unit moves coming into or leaving the area of responsibility.

**Hobbies:** Racquetball, softball and fixing up my cars

**Home station:** Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico

**Number of days in AOR:** Sixty-six and a half

**Family (Spouse, children, pets, etc.):** My spouse, Sonia, and my two children, Eryka, who is 6, and Larmont II "Deuce," who is 3. I also have two dogs, Buddy and Lucy.

**Goals:** To complete my degree in social psychology within the next year and earn a commission

**Famous last words:** "I'm too blessed to be stressed!"

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Photos by MSgt. Jim Randall

**Staff Sergeant Kristi Ewing, NCOIC of environmental surveillance, fills test tubes so she can test the base's non-potable water supply to ensure it meets Air Force standards.**

composition of industrial materials.

One of the BEE's main responsibilities is to ensure all water delivered here is up to Air Force specifications.

The base uses between 20,000 to 25,000 bottles of water each day. The water has to be quarantined, randomly sampled and tested before it's distributed to the base for people to drink.

"Testing the water is mainly a force protection measure," said SSgt. Kristi Ewing, NCOIC of environmental surveillance. "We look for bacterial contamination and for chemical and biological agents."

Water that is not intended for drinking also has to meet certain criteria.

"The water that we use for showers and hand washing is tested to make sure that it is free of bacteria, but people still shouldn't drink it," said SSgt. Ewing. "The plumbing system here is not approved and certified for potable water because there is a chance that it could become contaminated. However, our non-potable water is safe to use for showering and handwashing."

"Doing our jobs right is rewarding because it helps keep people from getting sick," she said.

Testing is not the only way that the team works to ensure a safe water supply.

"We recently visited [a water desalination facility] to evaluate the processes currently used to purify and bottle the base's water," said Capt. Vinch.

Staff Sergeant Michael Aspiazu, NCOIC of the bioenvironmental engineering element, manages the industrial hygiene program here.

"We have more than 60 industrial shops on base," said SSgt. Aspiazu. "It's our job to visit these shops and do a risk assessment for different types of potential hazards people could be exposed to."

Hazards include noise, radiation, chemical exposure, ergonomic stress and thermal stress.

"Chemicals are one of my main concerns," said SSgt. Aspiazu. "I make sure people use chemicals according to regulations and manufacturer's recom-

mendations, and I check to make sure they wear the right personal protective equipment."

Bioenvironmental engineering's industrial hygiene program helps protect the base populace from hazards within their work area, said Capt. Vinch.

"For me, the part we play in preventing and quantifying environmental contamination and pollution is one of the most rewarding things about my job," said Capt. Vinch.

"Basically, our goal is to send people home in better shape than when they arrived," said SSgt. Aspiazu.



**Staff Sergeant Michael Aspiazu, NCOIC of the bioenvironmental engineering element, uses a noise dosimeter to measure sounds levels.**

## Shorts

### Media center closure

The media center facility will close Feb. 1 and reopen Feb. 2 in the fitness center annex (weight room).

Service will be limited to phone, computer service, and DVD/VHS check-out.

### Fitness center closure

The fitness center cardio and weight rooms will close on Feb. 20 and reopen Feb. 21 in a California shelter across from the Wagon Wheel.

Free-weight and cardiovascular equipment items will be reduced due to space constraints.

### Traffic safety rules

According to Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4, Traffic Safety Program, wearing headphones, earphones or other listening devices while driving, jogging, running, bicycling, skating or skate boarding on DOD installation roads is prohibited.

### 379th ESVS volunteers

The 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron needs volunteers for various services activities.

For more information, contact facility managers.

## Today

8 a.m. - 9-ball tournament  
9:30 a.m. - Bar bingo  
1:30 p.m. - Checkers  
5:30 p.m. - Bar bingo  
7:30 p.m. - Fabulous abs  
7:30 p.m. - 4-on-4 volleyball  
8 p.m. - Advanced abs  
8 p.m. - Karaoke

## Saturday

7 a.m. - Aerobics  
8 a.m. - Coed 3-on-3 basketball  
8 a.m. - Billiards teams  
9:30 a.m. - Bar bingo  
1:30 p.m. - 9-ball tournament  
5:30 p.m. - Bar bingo  
6:30 p.m. - Combat aerobics  
7:30 p.m. - Church services  
8 p.m. - Checkers tournament  
8 p.m. - Country Western night

## Sunday

8 a.m. - 2-ball competition  
8 a.m. - Spades tournament  
9:30 a.m. - Bar bingo  
1:30 p.m. - Team billiards  
5:30 p.m. - Bar bingo  
7:30 p.m. - Fabulous abs  
7:30 p.m. - Church services  
8 p.m. - 9-ball tournament  
8 p.m. - Advanced abs  
8 p.m. - NFL Football

## Monday

7 a.m. - Dominoes tournament  
9:30 a.m. - Bar bingo  
1:30 p.m. - Spades tournament

5:30 p.m. - Bar bingo  
7:30 p.m. - Squadron intramural basketball  
7:30 p.m. - Dance class (tango)  
8 p.m. - Team billiards tournament  
8 p.m. - Music

## Tuesday

7 a.m. - Aerobics  
8 a.m. - Phase 10 tournament  
9:30 a.m. - Bar bingo  
1:30 p.m. - Dominoes tournament  
5:30 p.m. - Bar bingo  
6:30 p.m. - Combat aerobics  
8 p.m. - Squadron intramural basketball  
8 p.m. - Spades tournament  
8 p.m. - Outdoor movie (*Money Talks*)

## Wednesday

8 a.m. - Fitness competition  
8 a.m. - Uno tournament  
9:30 a.m. - Bar bingo  
1:30 p.m. - Phase 10 tournament  
5:30 p.m. - Bar bingo  
7:30 p.m. - Fabulous abs  
8 p.m. - Dominoes tournament  
8 p.m. - Outdoor movie (*Falling Down*)

## Thursday

7 a.m. - Aerobics  
8 a.m. - Sports challenge  
8 a.m. - Madden 2004 Football tournament  
9:30 a.m. - Bar bingo  
1:30 p.m. - Uno tournament  
5:30 p.m. - Bar bingo  
6:30 p.m. - Combat aerobics  
8 p.m. - Big Time Bingo





## Chapel services

### Protestant

#### Sunday:

8 a.m. - Liturgical worship service (Tent G-13)  
9:30 a.m. - Contemporary service (base theater); Protestant service (CAOC)  
11 a.m. - Church of Christ (Tent G-13)  
1 p.m. - Latter Day Saints (base theater)  
7:30 p.m. - Inspirational

worship (base theater)

### Catholic

#### Saturday:

7 p.m. - Mass (base theater)

#### Sunday:

8 a.m. - Mass (base theater)  
10:30 a.m. - Mass (CAOC)  
6:30 p.m. - Reconciliation (Tent G-13)  
7 p.m. - Mass (Tent G-13)  
**Monday through Friday:**  
11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. - Mass (Tent G-13)

### Jewish

#### Friday:

6:45 p.m. - Jewish Sabbath

worship (Tent G-13)

## Dining facility hours

### Big Apple

#### Sunday through Saturday:

Breakfast - 5-8 a.m.  
Lunch - 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Dinner - 5-8 p.m.  
Midnight - 11 p.m.-2 a.m.

### Manhattan Heights

#### Sunday through Saturday:

Breakfast - 5-8 a.m.  
Lunch - 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Dinner - 5-8 p.m.  
Midnight - 11 p.m.-2 a.m.

## What's cookin' at the dining facility

### Today:

**Lunch** - Barbecue chicken, pepper steak, steamed rice, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, harvard beets, brown gravy and split pea with ham soup

**Dinner** - Chipper fish, chicken fried steak, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, succotash, spinach, cream gravy and split with ham soup

### Saturday:

**Lunch** - Tuna noodles, pot roast, au gratin potatoes, rice pilaf, peas, bean combo, brown gravy and minestrone soup

**Dinner** - Baked salmon, chicken cordon bleu, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, lima beans, corn O'Brien, brown gravy and cream of minestrone soup

### Sunday:

**Lunch** - Baked chicken, cajun meat loaf, steamed rice, boiled potatoes, broccoli, carrots, chicken gravy and chicken

noodle soup

**Dinner** - Roast turkey, baked ham, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, herbed green beans, succotash, chicken gravy and chicken noodle soup

### Monday:

**Lunch** - Onion-lemon baked fish, yakisoba, pea and pepper rice, O'Brien potatoes, club spinach, peas and carrots, brown gravy and cream of mushroom soup

**Dinner** - Barbecue beef cubes, fried chicken, baked beans, steamed rice, collard greens, mixed vegetables, brown gravy and cream of mushroom soup

### Tuesday:

**Lunch** - Caribbean-jerked chicken, Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, scalloped potatoes, asparagus, Mexican corn, brown gravy and vegetable soup

**Dinner** - Country-style steak,

sweet and sour pork, Filipino rice, mashed potatoes, squash, bean combo, brown gravy and vegetable soup

### Wednesday:

**Lunch** - Fried catfish, barbecue chicken, Hopping John rice, sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, brown gravy and tomato soup

**Dinner** - Ribeye steak, lobster, pasta, baked potatoes, green beans, corn on the cob, brown gravy and tomato soup

### Thursday:

**Lunch** - Chicken alfredo, beef and broccoli stirfry, shrimp fried rice, spaghetti noodles, green beans, fried cabbage, brown gravy and cream of broccoli soup

**Dinner** - Grilled halibut steaks, baked salisbury, steamed rice, rissole potatoes, asparagus, peas and carrots, brown gravy and cream of broccoli soup

## Weekly Wagon Wheeler

Technical Sergeant Donna Siler, U.S. Air Forces in Europe band vocalist, and her band, Touch 'n' Go, performs for deployed troops Saturday night at the Wagon Wheel.



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## At the movies



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**Today**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Duplex**



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**Saturday**  
**4 p.m.**  
**The Medallion**



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**Monday**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**In America**



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**Tuesday**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**The Order**



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**Wednesday**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Open Range**



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**Thursday**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**American Wedding**